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H. R. 1239

To amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. WATERS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. CARSON, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. WYNN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. KUHLMANN of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. MEEK of Florida, and Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Underground
3 Railroad Network to Freedom Reauthorization Act of
4 2007”.

5 **SEC. 2. HIRING STAFF FOR THE NATIONAL UNDERGROUND**
6 **RAILROAD NETWORK.**

7 Section 3 of the National Underground Railroad Net-
8 work to Freedom Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 469l–1) is
9 amended by striking subsection (d) and adding at the end
10 the following new subsection:

11 “(d) STAFF.—The Secretary shall appoint at least 8
12 full time equivalent staff to assist the Secretary in car-
13 rying out the duties required by the Act, including pro-
14 viding oversight of the grant program established in sec-
15 tion 4.”.

16 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SPECIFIC**
17 **PURPOSES.**

18 The National Underground Railroad Network to
19 Freedom Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 469l et seq.) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (1) by striking section 4(d); and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sec-
23 tion:

1 **“SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “(a) AMOUNTS.—There are authorized to be appro-
3 priated to carry out this Act \$2,500,000 for each fiscal
4 year, to be allocated as follows:

5 “(1) \$2,000,000 is to be used for the purposes
6 of section 3.

7 “(2) \$500,000 is to be used for the purposes of
8 section 4.

9 “(b) RESTRICTIONS.—No amounts may be appro-
10 priated for the purposes of this Act except to the Secretary
11 for carrying out the responsibilities of the Secretary as
12 set forth in this Act.

13 “(c) CARRY OVER.—Amounts appropriated pursuant
14 to the authorization of appropriations under subsection (a)
15 shall remain available until expended.”.

16 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 The amendments made by sections 2 and 3 shall take
18 effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year following
19 the date of enactment of this Act.

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